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Bill - Per Alice Bashaw through check of Mexi Desk cards, ALVARADO is

Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte
201-740221

Our Nic Desk records indicate he was an informant for ERYTHROID-3, official liaison contact in Nic at time under review. E-3's name is not JEREZ, and we have no info to indicate there has ~~ex~~ ever been a Nic asset or liaison contact named JEREZ. Mr. R. B. HOLMES, CI/EXO, has ALVARADO's 201 on temporary charge. I talked to him by phone and he said he has read A's file and would agree he was not our asset. It would appear JEREZ might have been a Nic security official or embassy official, but this is sheer conjecture on my part.

Kay Mauer LA/phncr

OLC 78-1065/40
12 June 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Shepanek
O/SA/DO/O

FROM : Mr. Rodger S. Gabrielson
OLC/C&R

SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Cynthia Cooper regarding Mexico City cable traffic.

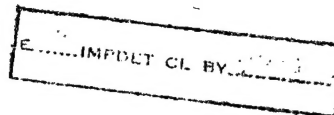
2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.

3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

Rodger S. Gabrielson
Rodger S. Gabrielson

Attachment

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~~most unknown name~~

Cynthia Cooper
6-9

11/22/11

To Mexico 11-22 cite 84802
use all your facilities to follow
& report soviet embassy activity & reaction
during these hours.

To Mexico 11-23 84821
send staffer w/ all photos of Oswald
to HQ & nft available flight.

To Mexico 11-23 84837
asked for following info on Kostikov
- travels
- whereabouts 11-22 and activities in Nov
- names & legend of contacts
- future contacts
- unusual activities involving KGB
or Soviet Personnel from 11-30 November

To Mexico 11-23 84880
Kostikov traveled in Sept
w/ Gen. Gamilovich Gerasim (who in close
contact w/ Cuban consul)

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Mexico 11-23 84916
Arrest of Duran could prejudice
U.S. Govt. freedom of action on entire
question of ~~CUBAN~~ responsibility.
Arrest should be kept secret, fact
of or content should not be leaked
especially to leftist circles in
Mexican govt.

Mexico 11-23 84917
ref. 84916 Keep legal attacks fully
informed

F+19 M.S.S. 19

Mexico 11-24 84920
Hdq - Questioned what exactly Oswald's
travel plans to Cuba and USSR Russia
were. Was he leaving immediately
or going to return to states of the
Sov. Union should be questioned very
carefully on this point.

Mexico 11-24 84921
5 license plates # and persons belonging
to - having to do w/ Duran.

Mexico 11-25 84926
Request of cable summary of info on
Duran. Also request ~~ASSET~~
be questioned w/ to his knowledge on
SNO contacts w/ Cuban, & Soviet Embassies

Mexico 11-25 84952
Obtain and cable reports or
statements on Duran & husband.

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Mexico 11-27 85178

- 1) Mann's message delayed to address decision (on what?) will be cabled to you after they confer, 11-27 probably.
- 2) - Suggested contact made w/ Alvarado's lic. case officer, whether he had mentioned story to him.
- (3) No action to re-arrest Duran or others w/out approval.

Mexico 11-27 85198

1. Analyse and investigate Alvarado's story further before more action.
2. Note Alvarado's claim still in Nicaraguan service although Managua's belief they was dropped 8-68.
3. Rusk and Hoover might have recommendations on this problem after further consideration.

The explanation for gaps is that all cables sent by the defector were in the same number series.

Mexico 11-27 85245

1. Justice Dept. will be preparing a report on assassinations and relevant info. on Oswald's activities in Mexi. Cannot compromise ~~ASSET~~ but Duran statements essentially the same so pls. send translated versions of her statements.

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Mexico 11-27 85258

2. ~~FBI~~ says -

Orskold applied for unemployment 9-17
He is checking airlines.
Left N.O. 9-28 for TX w/out paying
rent.

3. Above further reason not to believe
Alvarado

Mexico 11-27 85318 re: Mex 7101

1. These instructions coordinated w/
~~DEPT OF STATE~~ and ~~FBI~~

2. Mexican authorities should interrogate
Duran to extent necessary to clarify
outstanding points which have been
raised by your cables last 4 hrs.
You may provide questions but there
will be no contact between Duran
& Americans.

Mexico 11-27 55371

Rearrest of Duran should not
be associated w/Americans - Mexicans
"We want Mexican Authorities to take
responsibility for whole affair."

Mexico 11-27 85391
Info from ~~FBI~~ re: licence
plates reference
belonging to P. Morgan Daniels
J. J. Mermino Duarte Martins.

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Mexico 11-27

85469

Mexi
re: 7104

2. Have discussed 7104 with Alexis Johnson. Wants Mann to know that requested ~~into~~ instructions will probably not be forthcoming prior 11-28. FBI has jurisdiction in Wash. Both

DEPT OF STATE

CIA

3. There is a feeling in 3 agencies Mann is pushing case too hard re: para 5-7104. Will cause flap with Cubans. Johnson sent STATE channels to Mann to give better perspective.

Mexico

11-27

85616

In the face of mounting evidence it appears that Alvarado's story is a fabrication. Urge you follow up with his Mex. case officer.

Coincidence that Dorticos and Alvarado talk of money paid to Oswald not remarkable.

Interrogators of Alvarado must:

1. probe deeply into makeup
2. be sympathetic
3. promise "face saving secrecy" and specious hopes of future cooperation

Mexi

11-28

85653

Proved Oswald was in NO 9-19 with this info clear that Alvarado is a fabricator and psychiatric help could be suggested.

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Mexico 11-28

85654

Story of bank deposit by Oswald of \$5,000 could be misleading and give support to Alvarado. But story is uncorroborated. Pls. do not assume this office is in possession of facts known to FBI or Dallas FBI. FBI has requested full info on this story from US Official.

Mexico 11-28

85655

re: 85469

Do not discontinue or let down your investigation - We have not excluded the possibility of involvement by as yet unknown persons.

Mexico 11-28

85661

Do not turn Alvarado over to Mexicans. FBI has been asked for opinion on this matter.

Advise if FBI in Mexi attempts to get you to act on turning Alvarado over to Mexicans.

Mexico 11-28

85663

FBI requests CIA turn Alvarado over to Mexican police.

Mexicans will be requested to administer poly graph.

Mexico 11-28

85667

re: 7120

no fluent Spanish speaking POLYGRAPHER man available.

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Mexico 11-29 85669
[REDACTED] ASSET [REDACTED] should go to
Mexico - can be used as consultant
to Mexicans

Mexico 11-29 85672
Request for continual updates on
Duran & Alvarado interviews.

Mexico 11-29 85712
Time is of essence in reporting
what Mexicans are learning from
Alvarado & Duran. Up to know
we have been forwarding messages
to [REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED]. Also give info immediately
to [REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED] Mexico City and they
will call [REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED] Wdgs.

Mexico 11-30 86064
Heard Alvarado confessed he lied.
Cable details of interrogation.
"what threats, promises, inducements
and tactics used by [REDACTED] ASSET [REDACTED]". "Was
Alvarado physically mistreated?" "Much?"
Did Alvarado hear false story of bank
deposit? Urge Ric. not to do away
w/ him. Question of Oswald
acting solely on own still unanswered.

Mexico 12-3 86563
Alvarado will be polygraphed due to
retraction of confession. NW: 7203

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we do not want him returned to Nicaragua till he is ~~POLYGRAPHED?~~
Arrange w/ ~~ASSET~~ to release Alvarado to us ~~in~~ few days.

2. ~~EMPLOYEE~~ of ~~POLYGRAPH BRANCH~~ will arrive 12-4 Do not blow him and prefer Mexicans not be aware of plans to ~~POLYGRAPH~~ Alvarado. ~~EMPLOYEE~~ will be in charge of ~~POLYGRAPH~~ ~~FBI~~

Clark Anderson will act as interpreter so he can testify at later hearings.

Alvarado should not be the fear of bodily harm and should be fed and rested. The question of him returning to Nicaragua should be open, this gives ~~POLYGRAPHER~~ maximum maneuvering room.

Mexico 86621 12-4

~~POLYGRAPH~~ Plan and progress for Alvarado good. The hotel. Idea of 2 spanish speaking interrogators good.

Mexico 86659 12-4

Arrival plans for ~~EMPLOYEE~~

Mexico 12-5 86976

Did ~~EMPLOYEE~~ get through customs alright?

Mexico 12-7 87666

Alvarado will be returned to the Nicaragua - story is a hoax. Avoid anything which would induce

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and to this end

Alvarado to resume fabrication
We request Mexican & Nicaraguan
authorities to take no punitive actions.

Mexico 12-12 88642

~~FBI~~ wishes to wind up
analysis of case and needs the
results of interrogation of Susan
& Husband during second arrest.
We conjecture she may not have
been interrogated.

Mexico 12-12 88650

Do not erase any Cuban &
Soviet tapes made between 11-22 and
present.

Mexico 12-16 89366

In para 2 Duran states
Aparicio has a telephone - 141299.
Who is Aparicio and is that
his number?
Pls. have monitors identify voices
of various Soviets to whom Oswald
or Duran dealt w/ on the telephone

Mexico 12-20 90466

Present plan in passing info to
W.C. is to eliminate mention of telephone
taps in order to protect your continuing
ops. But will rely on Duran statements
and Soviet files on Oswald.

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Director 11-23 67190

Mexi suggest to ~~ASSET~~ that Duran be arrested immediately and held incommunicado.

Director 11-23 67236
- Arrest of Duran (notification of)

Director 11-24 67252
in 1-63 Duran seen in 2 cars w/ Texas Plates.

Director 11-24 67261
1. Oswald entered Nuevo Laredo on 9-26
2. Left by auto 10-3-63

Director 11-24 67262
Mann was very pleased re: 84917 about arrest of Duran but hopes Washington can decide leaks

Director 11-24- 67278
~~ASSET~~ told COS Duran completely cooperative.

Director 11-24 67378
re: content of Duran interview nothing new

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Director 11-26 68291
Station office & security officers
are interviewing Alvarado. Request
traces on Alvarado.

Director 11-26 68376
cable gives account of Alvarado's
story.

Director 11-26 68400
from Mann
for McCone, Rusk & Hoover
Mann with compliance from
Schoo and Anderson suggests
confronting Susan w/ Alvarado.
3. "If she did break under
interrogation and we suggest mediums
should be asked to go all out in
seeing that she does"

Director 11-27 68496
1. Mann has asked State
that ~~FBI~~ officer be sent for
briefing of U.S. angle of case.

Director 11-27 68542
Mann feels not fully briefed
on Oswald/Rubinstein case.
Chief ~~FBI~~ in Mex feels this
might be interpreted as a lack of
confidence in him

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COI feels chief ~~FBI~~ one of best
and most cooperative and
Mann has expressed satisfaction
with Chief ~~FBI~~ many times.

But ~~FBI~~ should send officer
to satisfy Mann unless Johnson
can convince Mann that she is
receiving all information.

Director 11-27 68530
Alvarado's story being checked
thoroughly, be reinterviewed in
greatest detail, has been moved to
safe address. Close surveillance
put on Duran as of 11-26 by
~~ASSET~~

Director 11-27 69127
Alvarado reinterviewed 11-26.
Identified photos of Cuban consulate
personnel not by name but by
height, duties, skin coloring, disposition,
etc.

Reinacted: passing of money
Spoke of background.

Director 11-27 69 between 69131-69147
Duran has been rearrested because
trying to leave Mexico for Cuba.

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Director 11-27 69225
from Mann

1. In taped telephone ~~conv~~ conversation, Armas & Porticos, Porticos again expressed concern that the Mexican police had questioned Duran about money.

2. Alvarado questioned again. Wealth of detail makes story striking.

B. ~~ASSET~~ later denied to legal attache that he had any concrete evidence that Duran was about to go to Cuba. Contradictory statements made are explained (by desire of government of Mexi to play down importance of Oswald visit there).

~~ASSET~~ stated Porticos only wanted to know if Mexicans tried to pay Duran for story. Suggest ~~they~~ Mexican authorities advise Azcuer, Luisa Calderon and Alfredo Mirabel.

Director 11-27 69310
Seems that Alvarado's story only proves he's been in Cuban embassy. Asks for (Nic) Perez to be present to put Nicaraguan weight with no questions.

Director 11-28 69620
Request authorization to turn Alvarado over to ~~ASSET~~ w/ brief explanation. w/ approval

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Brief explanation includes that he plans to travel to Cuba w/fake Mexican papers "Latter point alone gives Mexicans good reason to subject him to detailed interrogation"

of turnover station would plan no further contact with Alvarado.

Director

11-28

09636

Durans reaction at Cuban embassy after interrogation said had been threatened with extradition to US to face Oswald but was unafraid.

Neither ~~ASSET~~ or ~~ASSET~~ had any knowledge of Oswald being in the Cuban Embassy at any time.

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Director 11-28 69659 re: 80371
The second pickup of Duran by
Gov. initiative shows Mexican desire
to cooperate. ~~ASSET~~ received
instructions from ~~ASSET~~ not to
release until ~~EMPLOYEE~~ said so. At
HQ request ~~EMPLOYEE~~ furnished questions.
Decision re: release must be
Mexicans.

Director 11-28 69670
~~POLYGRAPHER~~ Request for Spanish speaking
man, if Alvarado agrees.

Director 11-28 69676
Mexicans are pleased to pick
up Alvarado for questioning. Unless
something new turns up in his
interrogation or Duran's she
will be released during night
of 11-28 or early 11-29.
~~ASSET~~ advised the Mexican
Government refused to pick up or accept
the note given to Amb. Botines
in Havana by Cuban Foreign
Minister Raulo Raso.

Director 11-29 70103
Duran released 1900 hrs. 11-28
She still appears to Mexicans only
involved w/ Oswald for business

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Director

11-29

70145

1. ~~ASSET~~ 11:30 hrs. Alvarado gives same story Mexicans as given to Station. ~~ASSET~~ failed to identify picture of Duran.

2. Interrogation continues. Alvarado till now suave, has begun to get tougher.

3. Alvarado gives same story as reason he is in Mexico.

4. ~~ASSET~~ does not believe story and will try to "break".

Director

11-30

70530

1. ~~ASSET~~ (very intelligent officer) says: talked w/ Alvarado 1 hr morning 11-29

3 hrs afternoon 11-29

2. First session ~~ASSET~~ thought Alvarado telling "fantastic" lie. After second session and all ~~ASSET~~ Alvarado sticking to story. Either telling the truth or he is the best liar I have talked to in many years and I have talked to some of the best. ~~ASSET~~ inclined to believe Alvarado but believe he is mixed up on dates.

* ~~ASSET~~ appears to have just ~~ASSET~~ carried and not seen ~~ASSET~~ yet.

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Note - between 70530 and 70860
there is no mention of further interrogations
or meetings between ~~ASSET~~ and ~~ASSET~~
Director 11-30 70860

1. ~~ASSET~~ and ~~ASSET~~ met evening of
11-29 "unofficially" and ~~ASSET~~ reported
on Alvarado's Background. He told
~~ASSET~~ that Alvarado has been
"75% accurate" in his reporting and had
had access and furnished good information
on communists in past. He said, however,
that Alvarado inclined "to go off on
his own" at times and impossible
control.

2. At 1030 hours 11-30 ~~ASSET~~
reported to COS that Alvarado has
signed a statement saying that
story of seeing Oswald (mailed Cuban
Embassy is completely false. Did
not call the U.S. Embassy on 9-18
first call was 9-25.

3. Part about wanting false Mexican
circumstantion and go to Cuba
for sabotage training is true

4. Motive was to get U.S. to take
action against ~~the~~ Castro.

the time mixup is this
70530 stated 2135 11-29.

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1. ~~ASSET~~ saw Alvarado first time 12-2 and reverted to previous story. Did call ~~U.S. EMBASSY~~ to report (~~U.S. EMBASSY~~ ~~informed~~ does not support. He was threatened ~~with~~ hanging by testicles.

2. Alvarado not their agent when visited Cuban Embassy according to ~~ASSET~~

3. Reported that Alvarado was being deported and ~~ASSET~~ would be able to interrogate him fully.

Director

12-3

72689

Mann sent cable to Johnson advising him of Alvarado's story. Recommends ~~CIA~~ & ~~FBI~~ send ~~POLYGRAPHER~~ to Managua to interrogate Alvarado. {Managua}

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Director

12-3

72877

1. ~~ASSET~~ agrees to send 12-5) Alvarado to COS

2. Questioning held either safehouse or hotel - Please advise.

3. Clark Anderson or Joe Garcia will act as interpreter.

4. Request ~~ASSET~~ to stay in Mexico

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Director 12-5 74273

1. [REDACTED] EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] arrived and got through customs no problem.
2. Interrogation held Apt #3 Calle Merida 1166

Anderson alone will interpret for

[REDACTED] EMPLOYEE [REDACTED]

Director 12-6 74696

1. Alvarado bitter at Mexicans and embassy for turning him over
2. Question of [REDACTED] POLYGRAPH not yet broached. Migration inspectors taking him out for a good meal tonight in hopes of prolonging upswing of rapport reached toward end of session

Director 12-7 75571

[REDACTED] ASSET [REDACTED] returning Managua 12-7

Director 12-7 75588

[REDACTED] POLYGRAPH [REDACTED] shows subject fabricating story

Alvarado returning Managua 12-8

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Director 12-10 77704

6 Tapes of Alvarado's being
pouched and sent 12-10.

Director 12-12 79373

Duran during second interrogation
that

no affiliation w/ Soviet Embassy
or CCLP

remembered Oswald perfectly - wore
no glasses

Knew of no red headed negro
- had no plans to go to Cuba.

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